

SENATE BILL 173

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Benson, Montgomery, and Young**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public School Buildings – Carbon Monoxide Detection and Warning**
3 **Equipment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~the construction or remodeling of~~ certain public school
5 buildings ~~to conform to~~ constructed or substantially remodeled in accordance
6 with certain provisions of law to have certain carbon monoxide detectors
7 installed in certain areas; requiring a signal from certain carbon monoxide
8 detectors to be automatically transmitted to a certain location; requiring certain
9 carbon monoxide detectors to be installed in conformance with a certain
10 standard for the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning
11 equipment ~~for commercial structures~~ or those referenced by the State Fire
12 Prevention Code; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to
13 requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment
14 in public school buildings.

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Education
17 Section 4–117
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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Article – Education

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(a) On the recommendation of the county superintendent, a county board may employ architects to assist in preparing plans and specifications for constructing or remodeling a building.

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(b) (1) The construction or remodeling of a building shall conform to ~~all~~

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~~(i) All~~ applicable State and county building, electrical, fire, and plumbing regulations and codes; ~~AND~~

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~~(ii) THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 720: STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT, 2012 EDITION, FOR COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES.~~

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(2) A fee may not be charged for any permit required pursuant to [these] THE REQUIRED regulations or codes for construction or remodeling, but a fee may be charged for water or sewer permits, or for connection and service charges for water and sewerage.

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(c) (1) (i) A BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR SUBSTANTIALLY REMODELED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO INSTALL APPROVED CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN AREAS OF NEW AND EXISTING EDUCATIONAL OCCUPANCIES WHERE FUEL FIRED EQUIPMENT IS PRESENT.

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(ii) A SIGNAL FROM A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR INSTALLED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE AUTOMATICALLY TRANSMITTED TO AN APPROVED SUPERVISING STATION OR TO A CONSTANTLY ATTENDED ON-SITE LOCATION.

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(2) THE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION 720: STANDARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT, 2009 EDITION OR AS REFERENCED IN THE STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

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